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SUBJECT: APRIL 3 PRAVDA ARTICLE ON BRZEZINSKI PRESS CONFERENCE

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE IN APRIL 3 PRAVDA REQUESTED IN
REFTEL:

BEGIN TEXT: "PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE"
WASHINGTON, 2 (TASS) ASSISTANT TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS, Z. BRZEZINSKI, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS
DEVOTED TO THE SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS ON STRATEGIC ARMS
LIMITATION.

THE STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANT MAY BE
VIEWED AS A NEW PROPAGANDA EFFORT TO JUSTIFY THE AMERICAN
PROPOSALS BROUGHT TO MOSCOW BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FACT THAT THESE PROPOSALS HAVE EVOKED
CRITICISM BOTH IN THE U.S. AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Z. BRZEZINSKI'S STATEMENT AVOIDED THE QUESTION OF
THE NECESSITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS
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LIMITATION ON THE BASIS OF THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN
VLADIVOSTOK IN 1974. CONTRARY TO THE REAL STATE OF
AFFAIRS, HE TERMED THIS UNDERSTANDING AS "ARMS
COMPETITION".

"WE BELIEVE," HE DECLARED, "THAT IN SOME RESPECTS WE ARE
IN THE EARLIER, EDUCATIONAL PART OF THE PROCESS."
SUCH AN UTTERANCE CLEARLY CONTRADICTS THE FACT

THAT THERE IS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MEASURES TO LIMIT OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC ARMS, AS WELL AS THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING. THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DEFENDED THE U.S. POSITION ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, WHICH GIVES UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES TO THE UNITED STATES. HE INSISTED IN PARTICULAR THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD REDUCE THE QUANTITY OF CERTAIN TYPES OF MISSILES, WHICH HE CALLED HEAVY MISSILES, AND DEMANDED THAT CONTROLS BE ESTABLISHED FOR SOVIET MOBILE MISSILES, ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN MISSILES OF THE "MX" TYPE, WHICH THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE THUS FAR.

HE MADE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF CRUISE MISSILES, WHICH BY HIS OWN ADMISSION ARE STRATEGIC WEAPONS, DEPENDENT UPON SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF THE SOVIET BOMBER WHICH THE AMERICANS CALL "BACKFIRE", WHICH IS NOT IN THE STRATEGIC WEAPON CATEGORY, AS THE SOVIET SIDE HAS REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT.

Z. BRZEZINSKI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE U.S. DID NOT EXPECT THAT ITS PROPOSALS WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE SOVIET UNION. "I DO NOT THINK," HE SAID, "ANYONE IN THIS HOUSE OR IN THIS CITY, ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS, EXPECTED THE SOVIET UNION SIMPLY TO ACCEPT THESE PROPOSALS INSTANTLY." Z. BRZEZINSKI STATED AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THESE MOST IMPORTANT MATTERS, AND ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN FUTURE TALKS. END TEXT.
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